to retire. National flags of some countries were also burnt by a faction.

The Government take a serious view of such provocative and anti-national activities. According to the State Government a case has been registered by the Police.

Executive Engineers/Assistant Engineers of MCD placed in the category of "Workman"

3032. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been placed in the category Workman;

(b) if so, what is the rule under which they have been placed in that category;

(c) whether any compensation is being given to them for attending the duties on Saturdays;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for Municipal Corporation of Delhi to come out with an order that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers have to attend office on Saturdays; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The field staff of Engineering Department, Conservancy and Drainage Department, Fire and Horticulture Department of the MCD are following six-days-a-week schedule. Therefore, the question of compensation to any category in these departments does not arise.

Shahdara Court, Delhi

3033. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shahdara Court in Delhi is housed in a very dilapidated building which is insufficient for nine Judges and Magistrates to hold courts there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the litigants, lawyers and judges are very much inconvenienced due to the lack of proper building for Shahdara Court resulting in piling up of a great number of cases in the Court;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Shadara Court Lawyers' Association has been agitating for a proper court building for the last so many years;

(d) whether Government had promised in 1985 to build a building at Kaikarduma for Shahdara Court and the same has not yet come out as a result of which there is great resentment amongst the lawyers and litigants in Shahdara; and

(e) by when Government proposes to provide a suitable building for Shahdara Court in trans-Yamuna area itself?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the shortage of accommodation in Shahdara Court.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) A sum of Rs. 8.48 crores has been sanctioned for the construction of court building during seventh plan period and the work is in progress.

Negotiations with Punjab extremists

3034. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Navbharat Times of 7th July, 1989

to the effect that Government have had three rounds of negotiations with the Punjab extremists since April 2, 1987 through Muni Sri Sushil Kumar, Sardar Tirlochan Singh Riyasti and Sardar Jasbir Singh Rode; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government has seen the news-item referred.

(b) As has been made clear from time to time the Government is ready for talks with the concerned parties to resolve the Punjab tangle, provided they express their full commitment to uphold the Constitution and maintain the unity and integrity of the country and also make it clear that they are against violence Acharya Sushil Kumar had been active in Punjab for some-time, seeking a non-violent solution within the frame-work of the Constitution to the problems there. No details are available about the efforts, if any, made by the other parties, mentioned in the news report.

Non-trading of shares companies in stock Exchanges

3035. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that shares of some companies which have come up with public issues during the last few years are not being traded in any of the Stock Exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information for the last three years will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Trading in the shares of companies in the Stock Exchanges depends upon the demand for and supply of the shares concerned and, therefore, the question of taking steps against companies do not arise.

Amendment of section 139 of Income-Tax Act

3036. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend section 139 of the Income-Tax Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The necessary amendment is proposed to be included in the Amendment Bill, which is likely to be introduced in the Parliament shortly.

Setting up of a Board for capital investment

3037. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Board has been set up for foreign capital investment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Foreign Investment Board already exists to clear cases of foreign capital investment.

(b) This is an Inter-minsterial Committee Chaired by the Finance Secre-